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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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- the claims:
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>9</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>9</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-9</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**1) Documents cited in the International Search Report**

- D1 : Hyun-Tak Kim et al., 'Observation of Mott Transition in VO₂ Based Transistors'
 Online at <http://xxx.lanl.gov/abs/cond-mat/0308042>
- D2 : Hyun-Tak Kim et al., "Gate-Induced Mott Transition"
 Online at <http://xxx.lanl.gov/abs/cond-mat/0305632>
- D3 : Hyun-Tak Kim et al., ' Mechanism and observation of Mott transition in VO₂-based and two- and three-terminal devices' In: New Journal of Physics, 6 (2004) 52
- D4 : "Future Trends in Microelectronics: the Nano Millennium", pp.148–155
 Ed by S. Luryi, J.M. Xu, A. Zaslavsky, Wiley Intescience, 2002
- D5 : KP 2003-0024156 A
- D6 : US 6,121,642 A

2) Novelty and Inventive Step**Claims 1-8**

The subject-matter of claims 1–4 relates to a metal-insulator transition switching transistor comprising: a silicon substrate; a gate electrode; a metal-insulator-transition channel layer on the gate insulation film; a source; and a drain connected to both sides of the metal-insulator-transition channel layer.

However, D1 discloses a VO₂ based transistor comprising: a silicon substrate; a gate electrode; a Mott transition channel layer(VO₂) on the gate insulation film; a source; and a drain(Au/Cr) connected to both sides of the metal-insulator-transition channel layer.

So, all the features of claims 1–4 are considered to be disclosed in D1.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1–4 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(2).

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Supplemental Box

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BOX V

The subject-matter of claims 5–8 relates to a method for manufacturing the MIT switching transistor comprising: a step for forming an gate electrode; a step for forming a gate insulation film; a step for forming a source electrode and a drain electrode; and a step for forming a channel layer between the source and drain electrodes.

But all the features of claims 5–6 are disclosed in the abstract, figure 2 and page 1~page 2 of D1.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 5–8 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(2).

And, D2 discloses a VO₂ based a transistor comprising: an Al₂O₃ substrate; a VO₂ channel layer; a gate electrode on the gate insulation film; a source; and a drain(Au/Cr) connected to both sides of the metal-insulator-transition channel layer.

The only difference between D1 and this application is the material of the substrate.

So, a skilled person also can reach the subject-matter of claims 1–8 by combining the technical features of D2 and D1, and the advantages thus achieved can readily be foreseen.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1–8 does not have an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

Claim 9

The subject-matter of claim 9 has such a characteristic that VO₂ thin film is grown at a growth temperature in the range of 450°C to 470°C and with an oxygen flow variation in the range of 5 to 6 SCCM.

But none of the documents cited in the International Search Report refer to the above-mentioned manufacturing condition.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claim 9 is believed to be novel and to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

3) Industrial Applicability

And the present invention has industrial applicability under PCT Article 33(4).